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FOLLOWING REPEAT USUN 4763 ACTION SECSTATE 26 OCT QUOTE

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TAGS: UNGA ECOSOC
SUBJ: WEO SLATES FOR ECOSOC AND PREP COM FOR ACCRA WORLD
CONFERENCE ON RACISM

REF: USUN 4637

1. WEO GROUP WAS CONVENED OCTOBER 26 BY ITALIAN PERM REP VINCI TO DISCUSS WEO SLATES FOR ECOSOC WORKING GROUP ON CORRUPT PRACTICES (REPORTED SEPT), ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, AND PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM SCHEDULED TO TAKE PLACE IN ACCRA IN 1978. WEO GROUP APPROVED LETTER FROM VINCI, OUTLINING UNDERSTANDING REACHED OCTOBER 21 IN WEO SLATE FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL (REFTEL), THUS FORMALIZING WEO ENDORSEMENT OF CANDIDATURE OF ITALY, THE NETHERLANDS, NEW ZEALAND, AND THE USA THIS YEAR AND MALTA NEXT YEAR (TO FILL SEAT TO BE VACATED BY CANADA).

2. WEO GROUP AGREED THAT VINCI SHOULD TELL ECOSOC PRESIDENT
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AKE THAT GROUP WAS NOT READY TO ENDORSE A SLATE OF WEO

CANDIDATES TO FORM PART OF THE PREPARATORY COMMITTEE FOR THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON RACISM TO BE HELD AT ACCRA IN 1978. VINCI WILL VOTE THAT THE GROUP WILL AWAIT THE RESULTS OF THE ECOSOC ELECTIONS AND "OTHER DEVELOPMENTS" BEFORE PROPOSING ITS SLATE AND WILL KEEP OPEN THE QUESTION OF THE NUMBER OF SEATS IT WILL ULTIMATELY SEEK ON THE COMMITTEE. (AKE HAD SOUGHT WEO ACCEPTANCE OF 3 SEATS OUT OF TOTAL OF 16, INCLUDING 5 AFRICA, 3 ASIA, 3 LATIN AMERICA AND 2 EASTERN EUROPE.) CONSENSUS OF GROUP WAS THAT FURTHER ASSEMBLY DEVELOPMENTS ON ZIONISM AND RACISM ISSUE SHOULD BE AWAITED BEFORE GROUP DECIDED FURTHER ON ITS PARTICIPATION IN PREP COM. DOUBT WAS EXPRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT 3 SEATS WOULD BE SUFFICIENT TO ALLOW WEO TO REACH AGREEMENT ON REPRESENTATION. SCRANTON UNQTE. KISSINGER

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